Meeting on Paragodu and UpperTunga

268. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was convened by Chairman of Central Water Commission in the last week of June, 2003 to sort out controversial issues between States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on projects like Paragodu and Upper Tunga;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether another meeting is proposed in the near future; and

(d) if so, when it would be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir. An inter-State meeting chaired by Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) was held on 27.6.2003 which was attended by Secretaries and Technical officers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to discuss interstate concerns of both the States in respect of projects like Paragodu and Upper Tunga besides other projects.

(b) Summing up the discussion, Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) stated that the Paragodu project as proposed by Government of Karnataka and reiterated by them at this meeting with written response to the concerns of Andhra Pradesh Government is a drinking water supply project and its parameters are required to follow the existing national norms for drinking water supply projects. In so far as Upper Tunga is concerned, CWC would look into arithmetical errors, if any, in the computation of water availability for this project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New Upper Tunga Project in Karnataka

269. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Upper Tunga Project in Karnataka will have servere adverse impact on irrigation system in four districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Kurnool, Ananatpur, Cuddapah and Mahabubnagar; and